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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION  
OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-14-420
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Lewis & Clark County District Court
	)	Montana First Judicial District
-vs-	)	
	)	<b>DECISION</b>
VERNON LOUIS PRICE, JR,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On September 11, 2019, the Defendant's suspended sentence was revoked for violation of the conditions, and he was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for a period of ten (10) years for the offense of Criminal Endangerment, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA.

The Defendant was given credit for time served prior to sentencing for October 24, 2014 – December 22, 2014 and July 9, 2019 – September 11, 2019. The Defendant was given credit for street time for April 23, 2015 – July 9, 2019.

On August 7, 2020, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared by video from the Montana State Prison, and was represented by Stephanie DeBoer, Defense Counsel, who appeared by video from Missoula, Montana. The State was represented by Leo Gallagher, Lewis and Clark County Attorney, who appeared by video from Helena, Montana.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

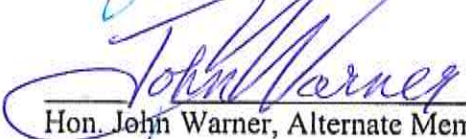
Done in open Court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

DATED this 20 day of August, 2020.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

  
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